**5 Themes of Geography**

1. Location
   1. Answers the question, Where is it?
      1. Ex: 5050 Anthony Wayne Drive Detroit, MI 48202
   2. Absolute location: exact location, longitude and latitude
      1. Ex: Latitude: 42.3561488 - Longitude: -83.0685329
   3. Relative location: where something is in relation to places around it
      1. Ex: The College of Education building is located between the undergraduate library and Shapiro Hall
2. Place
   1. The physical and human characteristics of the location that makes it unique
   2. Physical characteristics: landforms, vegetation, climate
      1. Ex: the Detroit River
   3. Human characteristics: culture, economy, government
      1. Ex: the Detroit City Council
   4. Place is SUBJECTIVE
3. Human Environment Interaction
   1. How do humans and the environment affect each other?
      1. Ex: Floods, hurricanes, earthquakes are all ways in which the environment affects humans.
   2. The ways in which humans adapt to, rely on, and modify the environment.
   3. Ex: adapt to environment: wearing hats and gloves in cold weather, solar panels
   4. Ex: rely on environment: soil for growing crops, rivers for transportation and water
   5. Ex: modify the environment: Hoover Dam, heating and cooling buildings
4. Movement
   1. The exchange of people, things, and ideas.
   2. Ex: travel from place to place, progression of fads, political events, use of the internet for transmitting information, trade
   3. Ideas can include: religion, culture, fashion trends, music
5. Region
   1. A group of locations with a similar characteristics; there are 3 types
   2. Formal regions: governmental or administrative boundaries, physical regions
      1. Ex: United States of America, the Rocky Mountains
   3. Functional regions: area defined by a function or action
      1. Ex: delivery range for the Detroit Free Press
   4. Vernacular/Perceptual regions: those loosely defined by peoples’ perceptions
      1. Ex: the South, the Middle East, Great Plains

Geographic Vocabulary